

DATA of Plano

Parshas Shelach | 26 Sivan 5778 | June 9, 2018

SERMON



**OF WINE, CHALLAH
AND COMMUNITY**

Friday

Mincha: 7:00

Candle lighting: 8:16 (Earliest time: 7:05)

Shabbos Day

Class with Rabbi Zakon: 8:00

Studying the book of Shir Hashirim (Song of Songs)

Shacharis: 9:00

Latest time for shema: 9:52

Learners' Service: 10:30

Childcare: 10:45

Kiddush following services at 11:45

Mincha: 7:50

Shabbos ends: 9:20

LEARNERS' SERVICE



**TOOLS FOR SPIRITUAL
WARFARE**

From the Desk of Rabbi Zakon

To Judge or Not to Judge?



Are you a judgmental person? Do people have the experience of walking away from conversations with you like they have been put in a little box? What an insulting question! I certainly am not that type of person! Actually, this week I realized I am a bit like that. Let me explain.

I was in New York for a day this week. I figured I would change up my usual routine and decided not to rent a car. It seemed that my schedule would be very tight and it might be easier to not spend time at the car rental counter and taking a shuttle to the shuttle back to the terminal. This way I could just spend time waiting at security

instead of also waiting for buses... I opted to take Lyft to the airport in Dallas, to my Mom's house, to my meeting in New York, back...you get the idea. While sitting in horrendous yet typical New York traffic on the Brooklyn Queens Expressway (anything but express as far as I am concerned!) I noticed I was surrounded by something unusual-silence! I am not one to be short on words or questions for friends or strangers alike...yet here I was sitting in a painful New York standstill without a sound being uttered! (The fact that the driver seemed to be playing a game of speeding up and then slamming on the brake as he came within inches of the car in front of us

did nothing to make me want to say anything more than mono syllables!) Why had my normally talkative side suddenly vanished? It seemed that every time I got into a Lyft in New York I would not say a word but when I got into a Lyft in Dallas, the conversation just flowed! What was that all about?

Upon reflection I understood what was going on. You see “They” say that New Yorkers are unfriendly and cold. Unwittingly I had bought into this and began relating to all New Yorkers this way. As a result, I sub-



consciously shut down when in a car with a driver in New York. What I was doing was not only stereotyping but was actually going against Torah. The Mishna says in Pirkei Avos (Ethics of the Fathers) “And you shall give every person favorable judgement.” Just because a person may be from a certain geographic

area is no reason to assume he falls into a certain box.

When we stop viewing individuals as distinct and start seeing them as part of a group that follows a certain pattern we lose respect and apprecia-

tion for their unique personality and qualities. I always say that people are fascinating...yet I was guilty of fitting millions of people into a neat box!

I am committing to starting to view all (or at least a bunch of) New Yorkers as being distinct and unique! So...as long

as my Lyft driver is not driving in a way that will cause me to toss my cookies I will engage him or her in conversation and learn to see how special and surprisingly refreshingly interesting they are!



Kiddush is sponsored this week by Chana Yetta and Jerry Rodenberg in honor of Kayla Anne’s graduation with honors from Touro College in Manhattan.

What: Send-off party for Daniel Eisenberg

Where: DATA of Plano

When: Sunday, June 10, 3:00-5:00 P.M.

For Whom: Everyone that is happy for Daniel as he takes the next steps in his career, but sad to see him go.



Graduation Party for Kayla Anne Rodenberg

- Sunday, June 10, 2:00-4:00 P.M.
- At the home of Chana Yetta and Jerry Rodenberg, 3012 Hilltop



Mesorah
HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Class of 2018

With gratitude to Hashem
we invite you to our
High School Graduation Ceremony



Leah Esther Broodo - לאה אסתר ברודו -
Rachel Broodo - רחל ברודו -
Tehilla Dear-Yachnes - תהילה דיער-יאכנעס -
Rachel Dykman - רחל דייקמן -
Shani Epstein - שני עפשטיין -
Rachel Evans - רחל חסיה אבנס -
Chaya Rochel Jager - חיה רחל יענער -
Chasida Lurie - חסידה לוריא -
Rivka Devorah Notelovitz - רבקה דבורה נוטעלאוויץ -
Yocheved Rosenberg - יוכבד אסתר רוזנברג -
Laya Udman - לאה מלכה אדמן -



Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 12:45 PM
Congregation Ohr HaTorah
6324 Churchill Way, Dallas, TX 75230

PLEASE JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING CEREMONY

SAVE THE DATE!

- ☑ Fast of the Ninth of Av | Sunday, July 22
- ☑ Champions Camp | August 5 - August 10
- ☑ Jewish Night at the RoughRiders | Sunday, August 5
@ 7:05 P.M.
- ☑ Community End of Summer BBQ | Sunday, August
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PLANO COMMUNITY BBQ





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